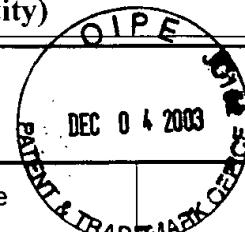


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
 P-5055D1

In Re Application Of: **T.R. Hansen et al.**



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Invention: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING MAGNETIC PARTICLES IN FLUID SAMPLES TO COLLECT DNA OR RNA FROM A SAMPLE**

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of July 2, 2003 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: October 2, 2003 until: December 2, 2003

Date

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The fee for the extension of time is **\$420** and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **02-1666**
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **02-1666**

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